HOWARD COUNTY BRAC TASK FORCE
BRAC BIT: # 76
DATE: 11 May 2010
SUBJECT(S): Cyber Command is Official, Special Events
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1. Upcoming Events/Actions:
   a. BRAC Business Initiative (BBI) Class/Networking Meeting (Regional Growth Management Committee)

       i. <u>Date:</u> **19 May, 2010, 8 AM to 10 AM**
       ii. <u>Event:</u> Focused on connecting small, minority and any other business that need help with BRAC and Cyber related business opportunities.
       iii. <u>Location:</u> Other Barn, 5851 Robert Oliver Pl # 2 Columbia, MD 21045-3728
       iv. <u>Agenda:</u>

   - Trusant Technologies (Columbia, MD) is a successful Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business. They will brief their business lessons-learned and how they conduct contracting business in today's environment.
   - Networking on Steroids: As we have discussed in previous BRAC Bits, this meeting will focus on networking between businesses in our region, our state and adjacent states.   During the meeting, we will draw 20 Partner Company business cards out of the pot and those companies will give their "elevator speeches" to the membership. And, as usual, we will have informal networking from 0730 to 0800 and 1000 to 1100. We strongly encourage all companies to bring information brochures to display on our distribution tables.
   - We also have invited 20 people, with specific job qualifications, to display their resumes on a second table. This is part of a BBI action to match up qualified job-seekers with the needs of our Partner Companies and to take advantage of related tax breaks.

       v. <u>Attendees:</u> All are welcomed! No charge for the event. No RSVP needed.

   b. <u>The Fort Meade Alliance</u>, working with the Fort Meade Regional Partnership, is producing the third edition of the Destination Fort Meade - BRAC Welcome and Relocation Guide, to help provide information to and welcome those who are transitioning here through BRAC or Cyber Command. This comprehensive guide is designed to introduce our businesses, organizations and government agencies, as well as, to showcase all that the Fort Meade region has to offer. It will include useful information regarding community events, cultural activities, housing, educational institutions, area attractions, vital statistics and more. This is an opportune time to get your company's message out to our incoming neighbors. For more information about the guide and advertising opportunities, please contact Jane or Steve Booth at 443-616-4005 or go to www.jboothassoc.com/fma. Must submit by **16 July 2010.**

2. <u>Cyber Command!</u>
   By <u>Ellen Nakashima</u> Washington Post Staff Writer, Tuesday, May 11, 2010

"Keith B. Alexander, director of the National Security Agency, has been confirmed to head a <u>new military command</u> that will be capable of launching attacks against enemy computer networks. A voice vote in the Senate on Friday elevated the career military intelligence officer from a lieutenant general to a four-star general. Alexander, 58, has headed the government's largest electronic espionage agency since 2005. The Pentagon's cyber-command will be located at Fort Meade, NSA's headquarters, to take advantage of that agency's expertise in penetrating adversaries' networks as well as defending the military's systems. The command, which will fall under U.S. Strategic Command in Nebraska, is scheduled to be fully operational in October."